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### **DCR Recreational Advisory: Horseneck Beach State Reservation**

**WHAT:** The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) issued a DO NOT USE order for Horseneck Beach State Reservation after routine water quality samples collected at the reservation's public water supply contained *E. coli* bacteria, likely related to significant precipitation events and the resulting rainwater runoff. The order does not impact beach and ocean use. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) has shut off the water to all sinks, water fountains, and rinse facilities. Currently, the public water supply is being heavily chlorinated. Additionally, the DCR is exploring options to have potable water delivered via truck. Restroom facilities will remain available and hand sanitizer has been placed within the facilities.

*Possible Health Effects: E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*

**WHERE:** Horseneck Beach State Reservation  
5 John Reed Road  
Westport, MA 02791

**WHEN:** Effective Immediately

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